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REMARKS

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The Examiner indicated that the subject matter of claim 8, if incorporated in independent claim 1, constitutes allowable subject matter. Applicants have thus combined the elements of claims 1 and 8. It is believed that independent claim 1, as amended, is allowable and passage to allowance is earnestly solicited.

Claim 4 was rejected on the basis of 35 U.S.C. Section 112. Applicants have eliminated the reference "precut" in the claim. The slots 28 and 30 are clearly depicted in the specification for receipt of the wheel wells. It is thus believed that the amendment to claim 4 obviates the objection pursuant to 35 U.S.C. Section 112.

With the claims otherwise being in condition for allowance, it is believed that passage to allowance is appropriate and is earnestly solicited.

Applicants enclose herewith a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,460,668. It is believed that this obviates the objection raised relating to double patenting.

Respectfully submitted,

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